

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 1, 2, 5-9 and 13-22 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. Unrelated to any prior art, scope or rejection, appropriate Claims have been amended, added or deleted in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, the amendments to the claims are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment, and are simply clarified claims in which Applicant is presently interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 1, 2, 5-9 and 14-18 remain pending in the application for consideration and examination.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 1, 2, 5-9 and 14-18 are allowed in the application, as indicated at Items 1 and 2 on page 6 of the Detailed Action, and renewal of the allowance is respectfully requested. Applicant and the undersigned respectfully thank the Examiner for such indication of allowable subject matter.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §§102 AND 103 - CLAIMS CANCELLED

All 35 USC rejections of Claims 13 and 19-22 are respectfully traversed. However, such rejections have been rendered obsolete by the present cancellation of all rejected claims (without prejudice or disclaimer), and accordingly, traversal arguments are not appropriate at this time. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

ALL CLAIMS IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the fact that all prior art rejected claims have now been cancelled (without prejudice or disclaimer), and in view of the fact that all remaining claims already have been allowed, it is respectfully submitted that all presently pending claims are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance with respect to the present application is respectfully requested.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Further, Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, i.e., Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number of 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.